



The "Women's Vote"



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It took more than 70 years for women to get the legal right to vote. Can you spare a few minutes to go to the polls?

There's a lot of talk about the Women's Vote ... but your vote only counts if you cast your ballot.

Are you a discouraged, confused or just plain tired registered voter? Help is available! Visit [Project Vote Smart](http://ProjectVoteSmart.org). On the Project Vote Smart website you can:

- Click on the "Vote Easy" icon to see presidential & congressional candidate positions on key issues.
- Enter your home zip code in the "Find Your Candidate" search box to see candidates & issues which will be on your ballot & see local voter resource links.



Although women are a majority of registered voters, often males vote in greater frequency. Fifty-four percent of registered voters in Jefferson county are female. In 2011 a greater percentage of male voters than female voters cast ballots.

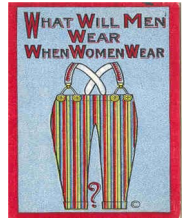
This was across all age groups except ages 35-49. That age group of female voters exceeded the rate of male voters by a mere 0.1 percent (25.7 versus 25.6).



This pattern is particularly consistent across election years among registered voters age 62 and older.

It took until 1920 for the U.S. Constitution to be amended to include the right to vote for women. The women who battled for suffrage and anyone anticipating a flood of women eager to vote and hold office would have been disappointed.

- There have been over 13,000 members of Congress. Two percent have been women.
- In Kentucky, few women have served in the state legislature and even fewer have been elected to statewide office.
- Allison Grimes, (KY Secretary of State) is the only female elected to a statewide office. (See her ["Do's & Don'ts" for voters](#))



It Isn't Enough To Show Up: Be Prepared to Vote

Know where your polling place is located and what is on the ballot:

- [Check to see if your polling place has changed & View Sample Ballots](#)
- [Verify Voter Registration Information & Polling Place Location](#)
- [Kentucky Voter Information Guide](#)

The Louisville Jefferson County Election Center is [online with more information](#) about voting in Jefferson County provided by the Jefferson County Clerk's Office. Click on the topic for your question or go to the [frequently asked questions](#) page.

Kentucky has a voter identification law. However, many forms of identification are accepted.

Forms of Identification Accepted:

- Driver's license or state-issued identification card
- Social security card or credit card
- Personal acquaintance with one of the election officers in your precinct
- Another form of identification that has both your picture and your signature.



[Sojourner Truth](#)



[Susan B. Anthony](#)



[Alva Smith Vanderbilt Belmont](#)



[Lucy Burns](#)



[Nannie Helen Burroughs](#)



[Laura Clay](#)

It began in the Suffrage Movement and Susan B. Anthony's motto was ["Failure is Impossible"](#). At the women's rights convention (Seneca Falls, NY, 1848) the "most radical demand" was for women to have the legal right to vote. In 2012 will there be a "women's vote" which honors the more than seventy year fight in which "suffragettes" were ridiculed, imprisoned & beaten so we could exercise this right?





OTHER OFW LINKS OF INTEREST TO WOMEN



[Build Economic Security](#)

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Community Activities & VEC

Louisville Metro Visitation and Exchange Center (VEC)

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In my few weeks as a new Louisville Metro Visitation and Exchange Center (VEC) team member, I've dedicated myself to soaking up information about the program.

I'm working to become familiar with VEC services by spending time with service providers at Family and Children's Place and Home of the Innocents, and through informal chats with parents about their experiences using the supervised visitation and exchange program.

Without exception, parents have reported feeling deeply grateful for the opportunity to have child visits or exchanges in a safe, kid-friendly environment. Many have noted how use of these services has greatly helped decrease their children's

anxieties about visits as well as their own, and there has been lots of praise for the warmth and understanding of staff in both locations.

Some parents said they had trouble managing the distance or heavy traffic they faced in getting to VEC locations or arranging their schedules to fit VEC service hours. Despite these challenges, these individuals agreed that participating in the program was absolutely worth it.

Looking forward, I hope to help the Louisville Metro Visitation and Exchange Center connect to more struggling families by strengthening our relationships with police departments, local organizations, and underserved communities.



OFW Community Calendar—See more in the online Calendar

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Women 4 Women—see more [here](#).

- Money Habitudes (by PNC at Spalding Univ)
- Little Pink Book—8th Fall Empowerment Event

Women's Center—University of Louisville
Call **852-8976** for details

- Wednesday, November 14: Elizabeth Cady Stanton **Luncheon** (ECS), Featured speaker Crit Luallen, former State Auditor, University Club.
- Cocktail hour/wine n' cheese reception (Anniversary celebration of the Women's Center) Providing more than two decades of service - University Club, **5:30 p.m.**

Through - Friday, December 07	See Brochure
10-1 Marshall's Women Health and Education Center Fall Programs	
Through - Friday, November 02	6 pm - 8 pm
10-30 Internet & Social Media Workshops	
Through - Friday, November 16	Various
11-16 Blanket Louisville Collection	
Saturday, November 10, 2012	8:30pm
11-10 9th Annual Concert For Kids	
Saturday, November 10, 2012	10:00am - 2:00pm
11-10 Open House for Women Veterans	
Monday, November 12, 2012	6-8 pm
"Talk to Greg" Stuart Middle	

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